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FOR AID ADMINISTRATOR GILLIGAN

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: UN, EFIN, EAID, EAGR

SUBJECT: AID ADMINISTRATOR GILLIGAN'S LETTER ON U.S. VICE

PRESIDENCY IN INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

(IFAD)

REFS: A) STATE 203090; B) BYRNES (IO) TELCON WITH NORRED,

AUGUST 26; C) STATE 202709

1. AS EXPLAINED IN REF B, AMBASSADOR GARDNER HAS BEEN OUT OF ITALY ON LEAVE, AND WILL NOT RETURN TO ROME UNTIL SEPTEMBER 9 AFTER BUSINESS IN NORTHERN ITALY. AMBASSADOR AL-SUDEARY OF IFAD WILL NOT RETURN TO WORK UNTIL TUESDAY AUGUST 30. HE IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN ROME AUGUST 29. AND WE HAVE REQUESTED AN APPOINTMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE FOR U.S. REPRESENTATIVE TO FAO.

2. WE PROPOSE THAT U.S. REPRESENTATIVE TO FAO CARRY OUT INSTRUCTIONS IN REF A, HOPEFULLY TUESDAY AUGUST 30, BUT DROPPING SUGGESTED ORAL STATEMENT LAST SENTENCE PARA 4 REF A THAT TIMING OF U.S. RATIFICATION COULD BE FACILITATED BY EARLY RESOLUTION OF VICEPRESIDENCY QUESTION.

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3. WE BELIEVE THAT HINT OF POSSIBLY HOLDING UP U.S. RATIFICATION IF AL-SUDEARY DOES NOT AGREE TO A SINGLE U.S. VICE-PRESIDENT, ON TOP OF CONDITIONING OUR SUPPORT OF AL-SUDEARY'S CANDIDACY FOR THE PRESIDENCY ON THIS POINT, WOULD BE COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE. THIS IS PARTICULARLY LIKELY SINCE WE ARE CIRCULARIZING IN REF C ALL COUNTRIES ACTIVE IN IFAD ON OUR REPRESENTATIONS TO AL-SUDEARY.

HE HAS RESENTED OUR GOING TO CATEGORY III COUNTRIES ON SUCH ISSUES IN THE PAST, PREFERING TO FOLLOW THE EASIER COURSE FROM HIS POINT OF VIEW OF WORKING THESE MATTERS OUT BETWEEN CATEGORIES I AND II. IF WE PUSH HIM TOO HARD, WE FEAR THAT HE MAY FALL BACK TO THE ULTIMATE PREROGATIVE OF THE PRESIDENT OF IFAD NOT TO SELECT ANY VICE-PRESIDENT.

4. FOR THE DEPARTMENT'S INFORMATION, EIGHT MORE COUNTRIES HAVE RATIFIED OR ACCEDED TO THE IFAD AGREEMENT SINCE THE ISSUANCE IFAD DOCUMENT PC/L.40, BRINGING THE TOTAL TO 19. IN CATEGORY I, IN ADDITION TO DENMARK AND SWEDEN, THE NETHERLANDS AND NORWAY HAVE NOW RATIFIED. IN CATEGORY II, IN ADDITION TO LIBYA, KUWAIT AND SAUDI ARABIA HAVE RATIFIED. IN CATEGORY III, THE EARLIER LIST WAS BANGLADESH, CAMEROON, INDIA, JAMAICA, PAKISTAN, PANAMA, PHILIPPINES AND SRI LANKA; ADDED SINCE ARE BOTSWANA , ECUADOR, GUINEA, AND TUNISIA.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT THE DEPARTMENT CONFIRM BY IMMEDIATE TELEGRAM COURSE OF ACTION PROPOSED BY EMBASSY IN PARA 2 ABOVE.
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